

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF:

GROUP:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

& Trademarks

Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 3, 4, 5 and 7-20 from the application and substitute new claims 2/1-40 therefor.

REMARKS

Applicants are submitting this Preliminary Amendment to delete multiple dependent claims from the application and replace them with proper, non-multiple dependent claims.

It is respectfully requested that these new claims be considered and made of record in the application.